

App. No. 10/627,146
Amdt. Dated September 3, 2004
Reply to Office Action of June 7, 2004
Atty. Dkt. No. 8638-100

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This reply is responsive to an Office Action dated June 7, 2004. Claims 5, and 8 through 11 remain in this application. Claims 4, 6 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice in favor of prosecuting them in a divisional patent application. Claims 5 and 10 have been amended to be dependent on allowed claim 8.

During a telephone conversation on May 28, 2004, between Applicant's Attorney, Bernard L. Kleinke and Examiner Steven Wong, a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Claims 4 through 11, which Applicant's attorney confirms in this Reply and Amendment.

Each of the Inventors is an inventor to at least one claim in the remaining application, therefore an Amendment to the Inventorship is not required.

The Office Action objected to claims 4 through 11 as being indefinite. The allowable claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form and the lack of antecedent basis has been remedied. Thus, the allowed claim 8 is clear and definite.

Claims 5 and 10 have been amended to be dependent on the allowed independent claim 8. The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 8 through 9 appear to read over the prior art of record and contain allowable subject matter. Thus, the remaining claims 5, 8 through 11 are in condition for immediate allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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